

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

5 A disposable absorbent article having a generally liquid permeable
liner, an outer cover and an absorbent body between the liner and outer cover
for absorbing liquid body waste penetrating the liner. In one embodiment, the
absorbent body has a first zone and a second zone, with the first zone having
a lower absorbent capacity per unit weight than the second zone and being
capable of facilitating the flow of liquid body waste from the first zone back
through the liner. In another embodiment, the absorbent body comprises a
mixture of hydrophilic fibers and superabsorbent material. The mixture has a
10 concentration of superabsorbent material of between about one percent and
about fifteen percent by weight of the mixture to facilitate the flow of liquid
body waste from the absorbent body back through the liner.